

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Anderson et al.

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2881Invention: **SAMPLE COLLECTION PREPARATION METHODS FOR TIME-OF-FLIGHT MINIATURE MASS SPECTROMETER**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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As we discussed by phone on April 1, 2003, the following is a list of claims with phrases that lack antecedence. In a number of instances the dependent claims reference the wrong independent claim.

I have not processed the case on its merits because I would like to give you the opportunity to amend the claims.

This is a list of terms that do not have antecedents as cited in the claims.

- 1 the sample collector
- 5 the metered amount of matrix solution
- 10 the independent movement of the tape
- 11 the tensioner
- 15 the housing
- 16 the housing
- 17 the roughing vacuum chamber
the vacuum seal
the removable cover
the scalable opening
the vacuum valve
- 18 the vacuum seal
the removable cover
- 19 the cover
- 20 the roughing vacuum chamber portion
- 21 the roughing vacuum chamber portion
the vacuum valve
another end of the extraction region
- 22 the main mass spectrometer vacuum chamber
- 23 the open valve
the mass spectrometer vacuum chamber
- 24 the vacuum pump
the main mass spectrometer vacuum chamber
the valve

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